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SUBJECT: STARR KIDNAPPING: COORDINATION WITH GOC

REF: (A) STATE 78193; (B) STATE 090098

1. ONCE PCV STARR'S KIDNAPPERS HAVE MADE CONTACT, THE QUESTION OF INFORMING THE GOC ARISES. IN ORDER TO ASSURE CLOSEST POSSIBLE COORDINATION FROM THE OUTSET BETWEEN EMBASSY AND WASHINGTON TASK FORCE (CTF), CTF REQUESTED EMBASSY (REF B) NOT TO INFORM GOC OF FIRST CONTACT WITHOUT PRIOR WASHINGTON APPROVAL. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS ADDITIONAL CTF GUIDANCE ON COORDINATION WITH GOC AS PROMISED (REF A, PARA 8).

2. IT WILL BE EMBASSY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO DEAL WITH DESIGNATED LIAISON OFFICERS OF GOC, BUT IT MAY BE DESIRABLE FOR PC DIRECTOR TO ACCOMPANY EMBOFFS WHEN THEY BRIEF AMBASSADOR MORALES AND GENERAL MONTANEZ. AS PRESENTLY PERCEIVED AND UNTIL SOME PATTERN BEGINS TO EMERGE AFTER FIRST CONTACT WITH KIDNAPPERS, COORDINATION WITH GOC WILL CONSIST OF EMBASSY KEEPING GOC INFORMED OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS ON OUR SIDE AND, GIVEN GOC RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROTECTING FOREIGN NATIONALS,

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EMBASSY KEEPING APPRISED OF GOC ACTIONS AND REPORTING THEM

TO WASHINGTON. BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY OF TELEPHONE TAPS OR OTHER GOC INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES AND BECAUSE OF NEED TO MAINTAIN COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOC, CTF WOULD ANTICIPATE APPROVING AT LEAST MINIMAL REPORT TO GOC BY EMBASSY ON CONTACTS WITH KIDNAPPERS INCLUDING RANSOM DEMANDS.

3. CTF BELIEVES GOC NOW UNDERSTANDS THAT EMBASSY WILL NOT LITERALLY TURN OVER KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS TO GOC NOR REQUEST GOC TO RESPOND TO SUCH DEMANDS, MUCH LESS PAY A RANSOM DEMAND. RATHER, OUR SIDE (PC DIRECTOR) WILL HANDLE INITIAL CONTACTS, ASCERTAIN STARR'S WELL-BEING, AND AT APPROPRIATE STAGE DIRECT KIDNAPPERS TO A FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE WHILE EMBASSY KEEPS GOC INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS (AS APPROVED BY WASHINGTON).

4. MORE DETAILED CONSENSUS OF CTF VIEWS WILL BE TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION AND FURTHER GUIDANCE.

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